

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 3, 7, 8 and 14 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-20 are pending.

The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 3, 7-12 and 14-20 if rewritten in independent form. Claims 3, 7, 8 and 14 have rewritten to be in independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, so it is believed that claims 3, 7-12 and 14-20 are now allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan (US 2,108,941). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

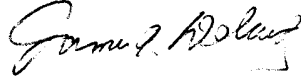
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the derailleur is adapted to mount to a threaded shaft at a bicycle frame to mount the derailleur to the bicycle frame. Morgan discloses a derailleur comprising a bracket arm (9) having a first end mounted to a bicycle frame at a wheel axle (24) and a second end that supports a tubular member (7). An axially movable shank (4) is supported within tubular member (7), and a rocker arm (3) that supports sprockets (1) and (2) is attached to shank (4) by a screw (6). Insofar as shank (4) is interpreted to be a threaded member, it does not mount to a threaded shaft at the bicycle frame. Morgan neither discloses nor suggests the subject matter recited in amended claim 1.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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